# By the King.

# A Proclamation declaring His Maieſties pleaſure concerning Sir Walter Rawleigh, and thoſe who aduentured with him.

WHereas we gaue Licence to Sir Walter Rawleigh, Knight, and others of Our Subiects with him, to vndertake a Voyage to the Countrey of Guyana, where they pretended great hopes and probabilities to make diſcouery of certaine Gold Mines, for the lawfull enriching of themſelues, and theſe Our Kingdoms: wherein we did by expreſſe limitation and Caution reſtraine, and forbid them and euery of them, from attempting any Acte of hoſtility, wrong, or violence whatſoeuer, vpon any of the Territories, States, or Subiects of any forraine Princes, with whom wee are in amitie: And more peculiarly of thoſe of Our deare Brother the King of Spaine, in reſpect of his Dominions and Intereſts in that Continent.

All which notwithſtanding, we are ſince informed by a common fame, that they, or ſome of them haue, by an hoſtile inuaſion of the Towne of S. Thome (being vnder the obedience of our ſaid deare Brother the King of Spaine) and by killing of diuers of the inhabitants therof, his Subiects, and after by ſacking and burning of the ſaid towne, (as much as in them for their owne parts lay) malitiouſly broken and infringed the Peace and Amitie, which hath beene ſo happily eſtabliſhed, and ſo long inuiolably continued betweene Vs and the Subiects of both our Crownes.

Wee haue therefore held it fit, as appertaining neerely to Our Royall Juſtice and Honor, eftſoones to make a publique declaration of Our owne vtter miſlike and deteſtation of the ſaid inſolences, and exceſſes, if any ſuch haue beene by any of Our Subiects committed: And for the better detection and clearing of the very trueth of the ſaid common fame; wee doe hereby ſtraitly charge and require all Our Subiects whatſoeuer, that haue any particular vnderſtanding and notice therof, vpon their duety and alleagiance which they owe Vs, immediately after publication of this Our pleaſure, to repaire vnto ſome of Our Priuy Counſell, and to diſcouer and make knowne vnto them their whole knowledge and vnderſtanding concerning the ſame, vnder paine of Our high diſpleaſure and indignation; that wee may thereupon proceede in Our Princely Juſtice to the exemplary puniſhment and coertion of all ſuch, as ſhal be conuicted and found guilty of ſo ſcandalous and enormous outrages.

Giuen at Our Mannor of Greenwich, the ninth day of Iune, in the ſixteenth yeere of Our Raigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the one and Fiftieth.

God ſaue the King.

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